

## **Claims**

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What is claimed is:

A photograph album system for removably receiving and supporting photographs and like image-bearing documents for maximized convenience and aesthetic 4 appearance comprising, in combination:

5 a spine including a pair of parallel side walls each 6 with a top end and bottom end and an interior edge and exterior edge, the spine also including two panels, a top panel and a bottom panel each with an interior and exterior face, the top panel and bottom panel each being in parallel relationship/with each other and coupled at 11 the top of the walls and at the bottom of the walls for the receipt of pages there between, the two walls and two panels being in a recti/linear configuration with an open 13 planar face from which pages may extend and a closed 15 arcuate face opposite/therefrom, the top panel having a 16 fixed retainer portion with a front face flush side walls and with the a pluratity of recesses on the interior face thereof, the side walls each having an internal lateral groove at the bottom end thereof adjacent to the bottom panel, and the side walls each have an aperture there through at an intermediate location along a mid line of 21 the side walls thereof;

23 a plurality of cylindrical long posts having opposite ends adapted to be received in the recesses the retainer 24 portion of the top panel of the spine adapted for the 26 receipt of the pages there around;

27 a removable/retainer having an exterior face and plurality of internal retaining fingers, the removable 29 retainer adapted to slidably couple in the groove of the spine and hold the cylindrical posts in an equally spaced configuration;

a short spine pin passing through the side wall as apertures to retain the posts in position within the spine; and

3.5 a plurality of pages all being made from flexible 36 paper products with the plurality of pages all being 37 defined by a plurality of signatures, the signatures being 38 defined by a plurality of page sets, each page set 39 consisting of an interior support sheet of a rectangular 40 configuration having a central vertical fold defining an 41 inner bend and a pair of outer edges, each page set 42 further having a pair of exterior cover sheets each having 43 a central vertical fold positioned around an individual outer edge of the interior support sheet with each fold defining an outer bend and a pair of inner edges lying in 46 proximity to the inner bend of the interior support sheet, the inner bend being adapted to hold a cylindrical long post, the exterior covers being adhered to the interior 49 support sheet by glue on three sides such that two pages 50 are formed with separate pockets on each side of each page 51 with each pocket opening toward the inner edge of the exterior cover sheet and the inner bend of the interior 52 support sheet, the interior support sheet initially having 54 a generally rectangular configuration having a top and bottom edge and a pair of side edges and a central axis with a pair of recesses at the top and bottom edge 57 thereof, the interior support sheet having a series of short rectangular apertures along the central axis to 58 facilitate bending and a pair of circular apertures located equally spaced from the central axis along a mid 61 line of the interior support sheet, the exterior cover sheets initially being of a rectangular configuration and having a plurality of rectangular apertures 80 aligned along the central axis which serve to frame the photograph 64 and like image-bearing document.

- 1 2. A photograph album system comprising:
- 2 a spine having a fixed retainer at one end thereof 3 and a removable retainer having a plurality of internal
- 4 retaining fingers at the other end with a plurality of
- 5 cylindrical posts received in the spine;
- 6 a plurality of pages; and
- 7 posts coupling the pages to the spine.
- 1 3. The invention as set forth in Claim 2 wherein all 2 of the pages are made from flexible paper products.
- 1 4. The invention as set forth in Claim 2 wherein the 2 exterior cover sheets of each page set are adhered to the 3 interior support by glue along three edges.
- 1 5. A photograph album system comprising:
- 2 a spine;
  3 a plurality of pages defined by a plurality of
- 4 signatures, each signature being defined by a plurality of 5 page sets, each page set consisting of an interior support
- 6 sheet having a central fold and apart of exterior cover
- 7 sheets each being folded around an individual outer edge
- 8 of interior support sheet with each having a central fold
- 9 defining an outer bend, the exterior cover sheets being
- 10 adhered to the interior support sheet such that two pages
- 11 are formed with separate pockets on each side of each
- 12 page; and
- 13 posts coupling the pages to the spine.
  - 1 6. The invention as set forth in Claim 5 wherein
  - 2 the spine includes a top panel having a fixed retainer
  - 3 portion with a plurality of recesses on the interior face
- 4 thereof and a removable retainer having a plurality of

- 5 internal retaining fingers and page supporting posts
- 6 between the recesses and fingers.
- 7. The invention as set forth in Claim 5 wherein
- 2 the spine includes side  $\psi$ alls with an aperture there
- 3 through at an intermediate location along a midline
- 4 thereof, the plurality of page sets having a pair of
- 5 circular apertures locates equally spaced from the central
- 6 axis along a midline of the interior support and a short
- 7 spine pin to retain the posts in position within the
- 8 spine.
- The invention as set forth in Claim 2 wherein the
- 2 cover sheets and supplemental sheets are coupled by glue
- 3 lines with passageways adjacent to the center folds of the
- 4 cover sheet for the passage of photographs into and out of
- 5 the pockets.
- 1 The invention as set forth in Claim 2 wherein the
- 2 cover sheets and support sheets are coupled by glue lines
- 3 and with slots in the cover sheets adjacent to the pockets
- 4 for the passage of  $ph\phi$ tographs into and out of the
- 5 pockets.